

**ORDINANCE
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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O102-04/05
ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA
AS FOLLOWS:**

- I. Selma City Ordinance No. O102-04/05, is the Ordinance governing the rules and procedures of the Selma City Council. Section 33 of Ordinance No. O102-04/05 is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:**

SECTION 33:

All individuals attending any meeting of the Selma City Council, including spectators, media, employees and officers of the City as well as members of the Council and the Council President, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectable, orderly and professional. Any conduct that is reasonably considered as disrespectful, disorderly and/or unprofessional shall be deemed inappropriate.

- (a) Individual(s) that exhibit such inappropriate conduct shall be immediately warned and requested to refrain from such conduct by the presiding officer. If the offensive individual continues to exhibit inappropriate conduct after being warned, the individual(s) shall be ordered to excuse themselves from the meeting by the presiding officer. If the offensive individual(s) refuse to abide by the order of the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall request an on-duty police officer to escort the individual(s) from the meeting.
- (b) Specifically in the event that it is a member of the Council that exhibits inappropriate conduct, he/she shall be immediately warned and requested to refrain from such conduct by the presiding officer. If the offensive Council member continues to exhibit inappropriate conduct after being warned, the Council member shall be ordered to excuse him/herself from the meeting by the presiding officer. If the offensive Council member refuses to abide by the order of the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall request an on-duty police officer to request the Council member to excuse him/herself from the meeting. If the Council member refuses to leave the meeting upon the request of a police officer, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion for adjournment.
- (c) Specifically in the event that the Council President exhibits inappropriate conduct, a motion shall be made requesting the President Pro Tem to preside over the meeting. In such case and upon the majority vote of the Council, the President Pro Tem shall preside over the meeting. If Council President continues to exhibit inappropriate conduct, he/she shall be immediately warned and requested to refrain from such conduct by the presiding officer. If the Council President continues to exhibit inappropriate conduct after being warned, he/she shall be ordered to excuse him/herself from the meeting by the presiding officer. If the Council President refuses to abide by the order of the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall request an on-duty police officer to request the Council President to excuse him/herself from the meeting. If the Council President refuses to leave the meeting upon the request of a police officer, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion for adjournment.
- (d) The right of appeal to the City Council may be used by any member of the Council and/or Council President at any time after being requested to refrain from disrespectful and disruptive behavior as set forth herein. Under this rule a majority vote of the City Council rules in all instances of appeal.

(e) Any Council member /Council President that refuse to leave the Council Meeting after being requested to leave by a police officer shall be fined as follows:

- i. 1st Offense: \$ 500.00
- ii. 2nd Offense: \$ 750.00
- iii. 3rd Offense: \$1,000.00

(f) In the event that a Council member/Council President is subjected to the fines for and as set forth herein, he/she shall be liable for payment of such fine(s) within five (5) days of the offense. Payment shall be payable by cash or money order and shall be submitted to the City Treasurer.

(g) If the Council member/Council President fails to pay the prescribed fine within fifteen (15) days, the matter shall come back before the governing body of the City Council for discussion and to record in the minutes the payment or failure of payment by the City Council member.

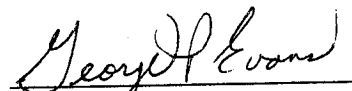
(h) Fines as listed in Section I(e) of this ordinance cannot be withheld from a Council member's check, but must be paid voluntarily.

II. All other provisions of the Ordinance No. O102-04/05 shall remain in full force and effect.

III. All ordinances, amendments or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby REPEALED.

IV. This Ordinance be effective upon its adoption and publication.


ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA,
on this 11th the day of February, 2008.


GEORGE P. EVANS, President

ATTEST:


LOIS WILLIAMS, City Clerk

APPROVED:


JAMES PERKINS, JR., Mayor